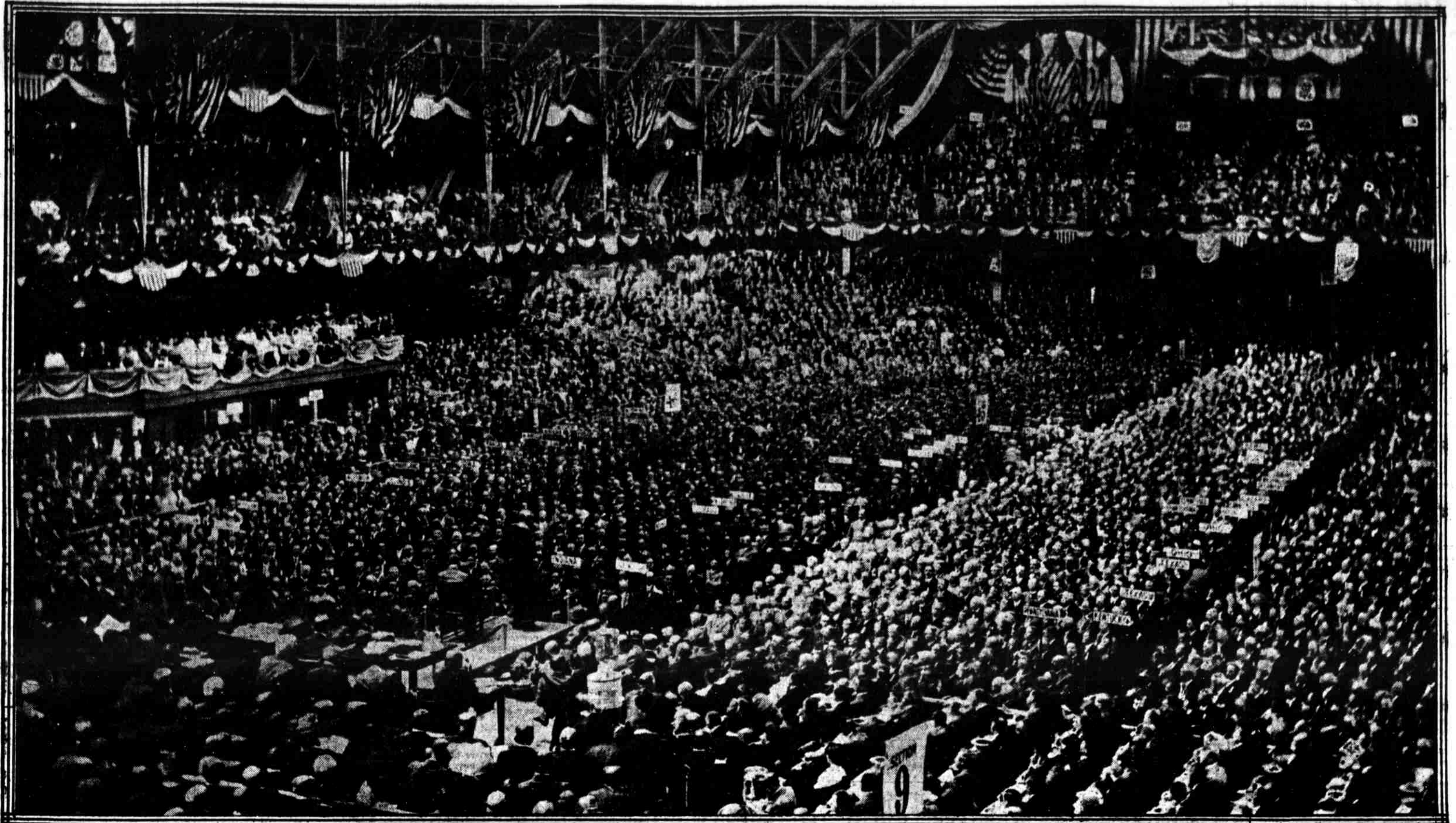


Credentials Committee Makes Concessions to Bring the Bolters Back Into Line



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HARMONY FIRST IS PLEA OF THE CONSERVATIVES

Obligation to Party Paramount, Say Hundreds.

CHICAGO, June 20.—The demand for a third candidate and the elimination of both Taft and Roosevelt from consideration by the Republican national convention, starting early today, is growing by leaps and bounds.

Obligation to the party was declared by hundreds of the delegates to be the paramount issue instead of loyalty to any individual. And these delegates were bringing every ounce of pressure possible to bear to have their wish considered. They were openly demanding of the Taft and Roosevelt managers that they withdraw their men and let the convention name a candidate on whom all could unite.

Situation Is Clearing.

The leaders were trying to stand pat. But there were evidences of weakening in certain quarters that led the political experts to believe that within a few hours the situation will have cleared up. One of the half dozen most prominent Roosevelt leaders went to a Taft representative who is in a position to speak for the President, and asked whether, if they could pull the bulk of their forces off the Roosevelt bandwagon, the Taft men would do the same. He was told that on the face of the situation as it now exists this was impossible.

The refusal was not definite, however, and the Roosevelt leader was asked to be prepared to renew it later today. It was not contended that Taft's convention and individual ambition eliminated, and individual ambition eliminated.

Congressman Seneca E. Payne, co-author of the tariff bill and one of the Taft leaders in the New York delegation, admitted that he had heard the compromise talk.

Sees Hadley As Candidate.

"It came to me indirectly," he said, "but it came somewhat emphatically. I believe that if the bulk of the Roosevelt forces stay in the convention and make no attempt to bolt there will be little question that the nomination will go to a compromise candidate. The talk of Senator Cummins, that this role is not well founded. It might be Governor Hadley, however."

Ohio's Roosevelt delegates are ready to go over to Governor Hadley. They say they will not follow Colonel Roosevelt into his expected bolt, unless it is not contended that Taft's convention organization remains unshaken.

"We will not stand for President Taft," said King G. Thompson, of Columbus, "but we are not so bound up in Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy that our vote will not go to another good progressive if he can be nominated. We do not want to bolt the regular convention, however, if we can help it."

Should there be a break with the conservative delegates, we will take the position in Ohio that our nominees are the regular Republican candidate for President, and that there is no likelihood that there will be any split in the Ohio State convention."

CUMMINS BOOMED WHILE CURRENT TURNS TO HADLEY

Taft Lieutenant Willing to See Compromise Candidate Named.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Eleventh hour efforts to prevent a split in the Republican party were made today as soon as the leaders could get together. The Taft generalists asserted that they had Theodore Roosevelt "beaten to a frazzle," but they showed their willingness to save the party by uniting on a compromise candidate.

The chief of the Taft "peace delegation" was Murray Crane, Senator from Massachusetts, and the man he picked for the compromise candidate was Albert M. Cummins, Senator from Iowa.

A three-hour conference was held by Crane and Senator Kenyon of Iowa, the Cummins commander-in-chief. This ended early in the day, and that time Senator Crane stated that the two had discussed replacing Taft with Cummins before the convention, and that there was a good reason to believe that the factional controversy would be settled.

Agree On Platform.

A great part of the discussion was given up to the platform that Cummins would insist upon. Senator Kenyon made it plain that Cummins would demand a platform containing no planks favoring reactionary methods or measures.

Sensor Kenyon pleased the Taft leader when he said that Cummins was not in favor of the recall of judges, either in the manner advocated by Roosevelt or in any other form. He was, however, said Kenyon, an advocate of the initiative and referendum.

After Kenyon and Crane separated, a caucus of the Iowa delegation was called to reach a definite decision as to the platform to be put forward. John McVicar, one of Cummins' chief advisers, said later:

Will Get Support.

"If Senator Cummins should prove acceptable to the Taft followers as a compromise candidate, the Roosevelt wing of the party cannot possibly refuse to support him, because his progressiveness has to be admitted by all."

While the Cummins boom was growing, however, there was a strong undercurrent of feeling that Governor Hadley of Missouri was "the man of the hour."

Many pointed to yesterday's demonstration at the convention as proof that the "show me" statesman could excite the enthusiasm of the Republicans, a thing absolutely necessary if the Democratic candidates were to be beaten this year.

Reports that Hadley had warned Colonel Crane that he would not consider bolting the convention gave him standing among the rank and file of the Taft delegates, who were strongly impressed by the governor's generalship in the convention, though beaten.

SCORE OF POLICEMEN NEEDED TO KEEP ORDER AS COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS BEGINS WORK

CHICAGO, June 20.—The crowd about the room where the credentials committee was in session was so dense that a score of policemen were needed to preserve order. The stairways leading to the committee room were jammed and entrance at the door of the annex, where the meeting was held, was most difficult.

The rumor factory was working overtime, and one of the reports was that as a sop to the progressives the Taft delegates in California and in Washington State at large were to be unseated and the Roosevelt men given their places.

The members of the committee denied that any such agreement had been entered into.

"We will decide every case put before us squarely on the merits," said Chairman Devine, when told of the rumor.

When the rumor was circulated on the authority of Governor Post, of Porto Rico, that Roosevelt would release his delegates there was a general jubilation among the Taft men. They said

this would give them the solid vote of Massachusetts, and also mean at least sixteen delegates from Ohio.

The backers of a third candidate were also jubilant, claiming that the action of the colonel would mean that the Missouri governor would get two-thirds of the Roosevelt strength and much of the Taft support in many localities.

Squabble Starts.

The committee had no sooner met than the Roosevelt minority started a bitter parliamentary squabble over the order in which the cases should be considered. The majority held out for alphabetical consideration, the Rooseveltites demanding a start with Texas.

Chairman Devine consented and the Ninth Alabama case was called up. It was noted that Committeemen Heney, of California; Harris, of Kansas; Harrington, Maryland; Cowles, North Carolina; Morton, Oklahoma; Way, South Dakota, and Cady, Wisconsin—

Highbrow Writers.

"Highbrows," of the literary world could hold a convention here and not have a few famous authors fail to answer a roll call. George Ade, Edward P. Connelly, Arthur Brisbane, George Fitch, Hugh Fullerton, Samuel Blythe, William Allen White, and a host of prominent editors, including William J. Bryan, are "covering" the convention.

Getting Writers' Cramp.

While writing prose for the papers, William J. Bryan, who is in the press stand as a reporter, is also courting writers' cramp, through his generosity in writing autographs for admiring progressive Republicans.

"This," explained Bryan, as he wrote his name in a delegate's notebook, "is not to be taken as an endorsement of what's going on here."

Can Sit Side by Side.

Governor Hadley, floor manager for Colonel Roosevelt, and James Watson, enacting a like role for President Taft, will be able to sit peacefully beside each other in a convention next week. Both are members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity which will hold a convention in Chicago this year.

Selling Carnations.

Pretty girls selling carnations for charity in the Congress lobby gave the politicians some new ideas in suavity today. Stationed in a remote corner of the big space, one girl, one by one, disposed of a big bunch of red carnations. Her fellow workers in another part of the lobby picked out each of the Taft men to whom her partner had sold the red flower—easily done by looking at their badges.

"Don't you know," she would remark to those almost willing victims, "that the white carnation is President Taft's flower. You oughtn't to wear that hor-

rible red T. R. badge." Ninety per cent of them fell for it, purchased white carnations and gave their red ones back to the girl.

With help, Roosevelt boosters another girl reversed the process and yet they complained that the politicians were tight.

Kalaniananole every time they call his name. Delegates Jorge Silva and Mateo Bujardo, of Porto Rico, present similar linguistic difficulties to say nothing of Delegate Benigno C. Hernandez, of Tierra Amarilla, N. M.

Plank For Pensions. A well organized movement to have the platform builders insert planks recommending retirement of superannuated civil service employees, was made today. Associations, organizations and societies of the Government clerks appealed to the parties at this end.

Favors Real Bolt.

"The christening of the new party will be an important part of the procedure in the bolt," said Amos Pinchot, one of the Roosevelt leaders. "I favor a real bolt, a new party and a new deal. I shall favor calling it the Progressive party. Under such a name we could include progressive Democrats as well as Republicans."

WORDS AND ACTIONS NOT IN HARMONY

CHICAGO, June 20.—Alarmed by the talk of deserting Taft for a third man, the Taft headquarters put out strong talk of no compromise. The Taft leaders declared the fight would be fought through and the steam roller run as before.

"Let Roosevelt bolt," they said. "We want him to. If he does bolt he'll not carry over 150 delegates with him."

While the Taft leaders and partisans of the party were putting up this talk, the undercurrent of compromise gossip grew. And the thing that made the talk of the Taft leaders look weak was that it is well known that Senator Crane and some of the ablest men about Taft have been conferring on the subject of a third nominee.

Raid Bogus Headquarters.

Officials of the convention—sergeant-at-arms, messengers, and other properly accredited employees—today commenced to raid the bogus "national convention headquarters," which have been opened by proprietors of boarding houses, and cheap lunch rooms along the side streets. Large posters, announcing "branch" offices of the convention headquarters, have been made by scores.

Puzzling Names. If the reading clerks of the convention had had aught say, Jonah K. Kalanianoale would not have been sent here as a delegate from Hawaii. They would have picked instead some man with a simple given name like Schweinfuska-terbraien. They stumble all over Mr.

all Roosevelt supporters—were not in attendance at the meeting.

P. R. McCormick, Illinois representative, obtained a proxy on his showing that his voice had failed. Massachusetts, still being deadlocked over their choice for the committee, was unrepresented.

The minority's first move was made through Committeeman Halbert, of Minnesota, for a recess, in order that the Roosevelt men might further confer. The motion was voted down and in the squabble that ensued Chairman Devine ordered Halbert to sit down. The Minnesota kept his seat, but finally sat down when Devine directed the sergeant-at-arms to enforce his order.

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Missouri boomers for Hadley, who last night signed a petition for him, were active again this morning.

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By JOHN SNURE.

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